

**Quality Assurance Project Plan
Winter Tracking and Trapping Efforts related to American Mink
In Sheboygan River Area of Concern
2019 Amendment to Revision 1 (2018)**

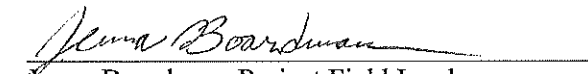
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This addendum includes:

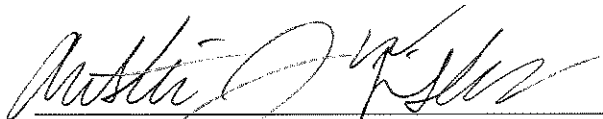
- Incorporates additional trapping techniques in Section 3.1
- Updates to language in Section 5.0 and 5.1 to incorporate specific skills taught in Wisconsin Trapper Safety Certification related to Special Training for Field and mentoring staff occasionally assisting with the project.
- Updated equipment list Section 7.3

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Addendum 1. Wisconsin Trapping Regulations & Specialized Training: *Quality Assurance Project Plan for Winter Tracking and Trapping Efforts related to American Mink (Neovison vison) in the Sheboygan River - Area of Concern - January 2018*

Project changes in field staff to include non-wildlife personnel and a desire to be more explicit about the special training needed to comply with Wisconsin Trapping Regulations, resulted in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) be amended. These changes are consistent with the Scientific Integrity Handbook. This addendum details the 2018 Wisconsin Trapping Regulations and how Department staff will abide by the regulations during the mink tracking and trapping study during the 2019 field season. <http://intranet.dnr.state.wi.us/int/es/science/pdf/SIHandbook.pdf>

This addendum adds information to clarify existing language in Sections:

- 3.1 Measurements to be Made/Data to Obtain – Mink Surveying & Trapping
- 5.0 Special Training/Certification - 5.1 Field Personnel
- 7.3 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection and Maintenance

Section 3.1 *2nd paragraph, 1 & 2 sentences - Language Revisions & Additions*

Existing:

The use and placement of body-grip traps within the AOC will be based on all Wisconsin DNR 2017 – Trapping Regulations. Traps will be checked based on Wisconsin DNR 2017 – Trapping regulations.

Replacement:

Department staff shall comply with the 2018 Wisconsin Trapping Regulations when handling (using, placing, setting and checking) #120 Conibear body grip traps (in box cubby) and #110 Conibear body grip traps (body edge sets in water) with bottom edge stabilizers. The primary staff checking traps (Jenna Boardman & Austin Fischer) have successfully completed the Trapper Education Program and will mentor staff that assist in the field on occasion (Cheryl Bougie, Amy Kretlow, etc.) under the supervised or mentored trapping program rules as stated in the 2018 Wisconsin Trapping Regulations and as outlined in the next paragraph.

All trappers must obtain a trapping license. All first-time trappers must complete the Wisconsin trapper education course (page 28) prior to purchasing a license, unless trapping under youth supervised or mentored trapping program rules (see p. 26). A certificate of successful completion of the Wisconsin trapper education course may be used by a resident in place of a trapping license for the trapping license year in which the certificate is issued. Regulation can be found in the following web link:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/wm/wm0002.pdf>

Section 5.0 & 5.1 *1st paragraph, 3rd sentence - Language Revisions & Additions*

Existing:

Project lead will also confirm that all field personnel are familiar with trapping and tracking techniques and possess skills taught in the Wisconsin Trapper Safety certification course which includes but is not limited to Wisconsin furbearer identification, trap use safety, familiarity to trapping regulations and proper trap placement or use.

Replacement:

Department staff shall comply with the 2018 Wisconsin Trapping Regulations when handling (using, placing, setting and checking) body grip traps. The primary staff checking traps (Jenna Boardman & Austin Fischer) have successfully completed the Trapper Education Program and will mentor staff that assist in the field on occasion (Cheryl Bougie, Amy Kretlow, etc.) under the supervised or mentored trapping program rules as stated in the 2018 Wisconsin Trapping Regulations and as outlined in the next paragraph to ensure field staff are aware of best management practices, safety issues, lower incidental catch rates, and accidental injury.

All trappers must obtain a trapping license. All first-time trappers must complete the Wisconsin trapper education course (page 28) prior to purchasing a license, unless trapping under youth supervised or mentored trapping program rules (see p. 26). A certificate of successful completion of the Wisconsin trapper education course may be used by a resident in place of a trapping license for the trapping license year in which the certificate is issued. The mentor can take more than one person trapping provided the mentor can safely and adequately serve as mentor for all mentees. Regulation can be found in the following web link: <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/wm/wm0002.pdf>

Section 7.3 *Equipment List - Language Revisions & Additions*

Existing:

-Body-Grip traps (Conibear 110's) and sets needed for trapping

Replacement:

- Body grip traps (Conibear #110 and #120)
- Wooden Box Cubby (upland sets)
- Bottom edge trap stabilizer (stand for water edge sets)
- Mink Lure

